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NO NIGHT ACTION

AIRCRAFT NUMBER THREE MADE FLIGHT NUMBER FOURTEEN ON 13 NOV 62. PILOT EASTHAM FLIGHT DURATION 2 HOURS 28 MINUTES WITH TAKE-OFF AT 1145 GROSS WEIGHT 85,000 LBS WITH CG 20.2 PERCENT. AB TAKE-OFF AND AB CLIMB 10,000 FEET. MILITARY CLIMB AT 315 KNOTS TO .85 MACH AND HELD TO 28,500 FEET. CRUISE AT 28,500 AND MACH .85 FOR FIRST TRIANGULAR CIRCUIT. FORCED TO DESCEND TO APPROXIMATELY 24,000 FEET DURING SECOND CIRCUIT DUE CLOUDS. DESCENDED TO 20,000 FEET OVER HOME PLATE DUE CLOUDS AND THIRD CIRCUIT CANCELLED. MADE SIX RACETRACK TYPE PASSES OVER AT 20,000 FEET AND 234 KNOTS. LANDED NORMALLY - CHUTE OK. PURPOSE OF FLIGHT TO CHECK OUT INS SYSTEM AND TYPE II (ROMAN) PACKAGE. GROUND SPEED AND MILES TO GO READOUTS IN COCKPIT INOP PRIOR TO TAKEOFF. DIFFICULTY IN INS TEST CAUSED BY CLOUD CEILING LOWERING FROM 29,000 FEET TO 20,000 FEET DURING FLIGHT. APPARENTLY TYPE II (ROMAN) PACKAGE FUNCTIONED INSOFAR AS PILOT CONCERNED. HIGH POWER MAGNIFICATION HUNG UP ON VIEWFINDER DURING FLIGHT. PILOT

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USED LOW POWER MAGNIFICATION. NBR 1 SCHEDULED FOR FLIGHT 14 NOV.
NBR 3 WILL BE ON COMPASS ROSE ON ADF WORK.

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